

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (previously presented) A portable flight timer for use in aviation comprising:
a display system;
a memory system;
at least one alarm element;
a controller with at least one of a peripheral or integral counter;
a first input element for sending user actuated signals to the controller wherein the controller is connected to the display system, the alarm element and the memory system and wherein a user can store a plurality of approach times into the memory and wherein the plurality of approach times can each be associated with a unique identifier, with each unique identifier being displayable by the display system simultaneously with a corresponding approach time and wherein the at least one of a peripheral or integral counter can be engaged to produce a first counting sequence starting from at least one of the corresponding stored approach times; and
a manually rotatable input member coupled to the first input element, the manually rotatable input member being operable to actuate the first input element to send signals to the controller.
2. (previously presented) The flight timer of claim 1 wherein the first counting sequence is a countdown sequence.
3. (previously presented) The flight timer of claim 1 wherein the flight timer is capable of driving a second counting sequence simultaneously with, but independently from, the first counting sequence, the second counting sequence being displayable in association with information indicating the relationship of the second counting sequence to fuel.

4. (previously presented) The flight timer of claim 3 wherein the flight timer is capable of driving a third counting sequence simultaneously with, but independently from the first counting sequence and the second counting sequence.

5. (previously presented) The flight timer of claim 4 further comprising a programmable note that is displayable by said display system simultaneously with any of the first counting sequence, second counting sequence and third counting sequence.

6. (previously presented) The flight timer of claim 1 wherein the first counting sequence is a countdown sequence and the controller is configured to activate the alarm element when the countdown sequence reaches a value of zero.

7. (original) The flight timer of claim 6 wherein there are at least two alarm elements with a first alarm element that produces an audible signal and a second alarm element that is a light.

8. (previously presented) The flight timer of claim 7 wherein when the first alarm element and second alarm elements are activated, at least one or more positions on the display flashes until the alarm is stopped by a user actuating a switch of the flight timer.

9. (previously presented) The flight timer of claim 1 wherein the manually rotatable input member is a dial that can be rotated to selectively set values of the approach times.

10. (previously presented) The flight timer of claim 9 wherein the dial can be depressed to store a selected value of an approach time into memory.

11. (previously presented) The flight timer of claim 1 further comprising at least a second input element that can be actuated to display a second counting sequence and to deactivate display of the first counting sequence.

12. (previously presented) The flight timer of claim 11 further comprising at least a third input element that can be actuated to display a clock driven by a counter of the flight timer to produce a time counting sequence independent from the first counting sequence and second counting sequence.

13. (original) The flight timer of claim 12 wherein said clock has three display modes selectable by a user, with each display mode displaying hours, minutes and seconds and with each display mode being interdependent with the other of the said display modes in that setting any one of the minutes and seconds on a first display mode also sets minutes and seconds on the other of the display modes, and with at least the hour setting of at least one of the three display modes being independent of the hours setting of the other of said display modes.

14. (previously presented) The flight timer of claim 1 further comprising an attachment member connected to a back portion of the flight timer for attaching the flight timer to a surface.

15. (original) The flight timer of claim 14 wherein the attachment member is a clip.

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38. (previously presented) A portable flight timer for use in aviation comprising:

a display system;

a memory system;

at least one alarm element;

an oscillator;

a controller with at least one of a peripheral or integral counter;

a first input element for sending user actuated signals to the controller wherein the controller is connected to the display system, the alarm element and the memory system and wherein a user can store a plurality of approach times into the memory and the approach times can be recalled and displayed by the display system simultaneously with an indicator having a relationship to approach times to inform a user that the time displayed is an approach time and wherein the plurality of approach times can each be associated with a unique identifier displayable by the display system simultaneously with a corresponding approach time and wherein the at least one of a peripheral or integral counter can be engaged to produce a countdown sequence starting from the corresponding stored approach time; and

a dial coupled to the first input element, the dial being operable to actuate the first input element to send signals to the controller.

39. (currently amended) A method of piloting an aircraft using a portable timer comprising:

adjusting a dial on the portable timer to enter and store a plurality of approach times in a memory of the portable timer;

associating at least one of said approach times with a unique identifier displayable on a display of the portable timer; and

selecting at least one of said approach times and initiating a first countdown sequence from the approach time using the portable timer while piloting said aircraft during a landing approach and monitoring the first countdown sequence to determine whether the approach should be aborted.